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SUBJECT: COFFEE - BRAZILIAN STOCK LEVELS

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM PREPARED BY AMCONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO:

1. CONGEN RIO OFFICER CONTACTED IBC IN EFFORT TO CLEAR UP DISCREPACIES IN REPORTED BRAZILIAN COFFEE STOCKS. PROBLEM ARISES FROM BRAZILIAN STOCK SURVEY UNDERTAKEN IN FIRST HALF 1976 BY SWISS FIRM, SURVEILLANCE, UNDER CONTRACT TO INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO). THIS ORGANIZATION VERIFIED BRAZILIAN STOCKS OF 24.8 MILLION BAGS AS OF MARCH 31, 1976. DURING JANUARY 1977, ICO MEETING BRAZILIAN DELEGATION SUBMITTED REVISED TOTAL OF 29.9 MILLION SACKS FOR MARCH 31, 1976, STOCKS. IN RECENT STATISTICS FURNISHED TO CONSULATE AND BRAZILIAN PRESS TOTAL STOCKS FOR THIS DATE ARE ESTIMATED AT 32.6 MILLION BAGS. (RESULTING IN 1976 YEAR END STOCKS OF 21.2 MILLION.)

2. IBC PRODUCTION COORDINATION MALTA TOLD CONGEN RIO OFFICER THAT SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY SURVEILLANCE ONLY COUNTED GENERAL WAREHOUSES THAT CONTAINED MORE THAN 1,000 BAGS OF COFFEE. PRODUCER  
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ROASTER AND SOULBLE INDUSTRY STOCKS AS WELL AS WAREHOUSES HAVING LESS THAN 1,00 SACKS WERE OMITTED. MALTA HOWEVER, COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE 29.9 MILLION STOCK FIGURE. HE STATED THAT IBC'S BEST ESTIMATE FOR MARCH 31, 1976 WAS 32.6 MILLION. HE VOLENTEED THAT ONLY FIGURE IBC IS REALLY CERTAIN ABOUT IS THE EXPORT TOTALS. PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION ARE PURE ESTIMATES. EVEN ALLOWING FOR THESE UNCERTAINTIES, HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED

THAT A 2.7 MILLION DISCREPANCY IS TOO LARGE. MALTA SAID THAT HE WOULD TELEX TO LONDON TO LEARN SOURCE OF 29.9 MILLION FIGURE AND RELAY THIS INFORMATION BACK TO CONSULATE.

3. MALTA ADDED THAT THIS YEAR A SURVEY WOULD BE TAKEN BY SURVEILLANCE OF THE MARCH 31, 1977, STOCKS. THIS SURVEY WILL CONCLUDE ALL BRAZILIAN STOCKS AND SHOULD PROVIDE AN ACCURATE STOCK FIGURE.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MALTA ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED THE 2.7 MILLION BAG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE IBC ESTIMATE AND THE LATER ICO ESTIMATE OF STOCKS ON MARCH 31, 1976. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FROM THE ICO AN EXPLANATION OF THE DISCREPANCY. THE EMBASSY ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE ICO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE CURRENT ESTIMATES FOR IBC WAREHOUSES IN TRIESTE, TOKYO, AND HAMBURG.  
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